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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your personal message of May 17, 1961. Of course, I was most interested to hear about your planned meeting with the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Khrushchev, and also to learn about the considerations that led you to this decision.

I share your opinion that, in the present international situation, a personal contact between you and Mr. Khrushchev should be useful.

Should you, in your exchange of thoughts with Mr. Khrushchev, deal with the German question and the Berlin problem, I know that, with you, the German interests are in good hands. Our talks in Washington, with regard to these questions, have left me highly satisfied. Also, I was deeply impressed by the information Mr. von Brentano has given me on his talks with Secretary of State Rusk in Oslo, and on the statements which Mr. Rusk has made before the NATO Council.

I shall be looking forward to hearing from you about your talks with Mr. Khrushchev. I, on my part, will inform you of my meeting with President de Gaulle.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(sgd.) Konrad Adenauer